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May 28, 2008

Lisa Cinella
General Manager
M&L Transit Systems, Inc.
60 Olympia Avenue
Woburn, MA 01801

RE: Application to amend route
M&L Transit Systems, Inc.
Jitney License

Dear Ms. Cinella;

The License Commission voted 3-0 to recommend that the City Manager recommend to the City Council that they approve the amendment to your route.

Your application will now be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at their June 2, 2008 hearing. Please be sure to attend the hearing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Y. Lint", is written over the typed name and title.

Elizabeth Y. Lint
Executive Officer

Cc: Robert Healy, City Manager; Maryellen Carvello, Office of the City Manager;
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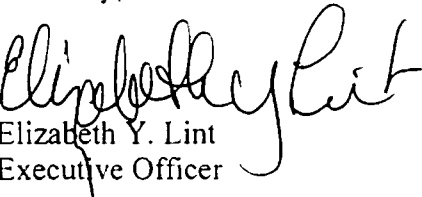
RE: Application to amend Jitney license
M & L Transit Systems, Inc.

Dear Ms. Cinella:

The hearing on your application to amend M & L Transit Systems, Inc. existing Jitney license will be held on Tuesday evening, May 27, 2008 at six o'clock in the Michael J. Lombardi Municipal Building, 831 Massachusetts Avenue, Basement Conference Room, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Please be sure to attend the hearing.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Y. Lint
Executive Officer

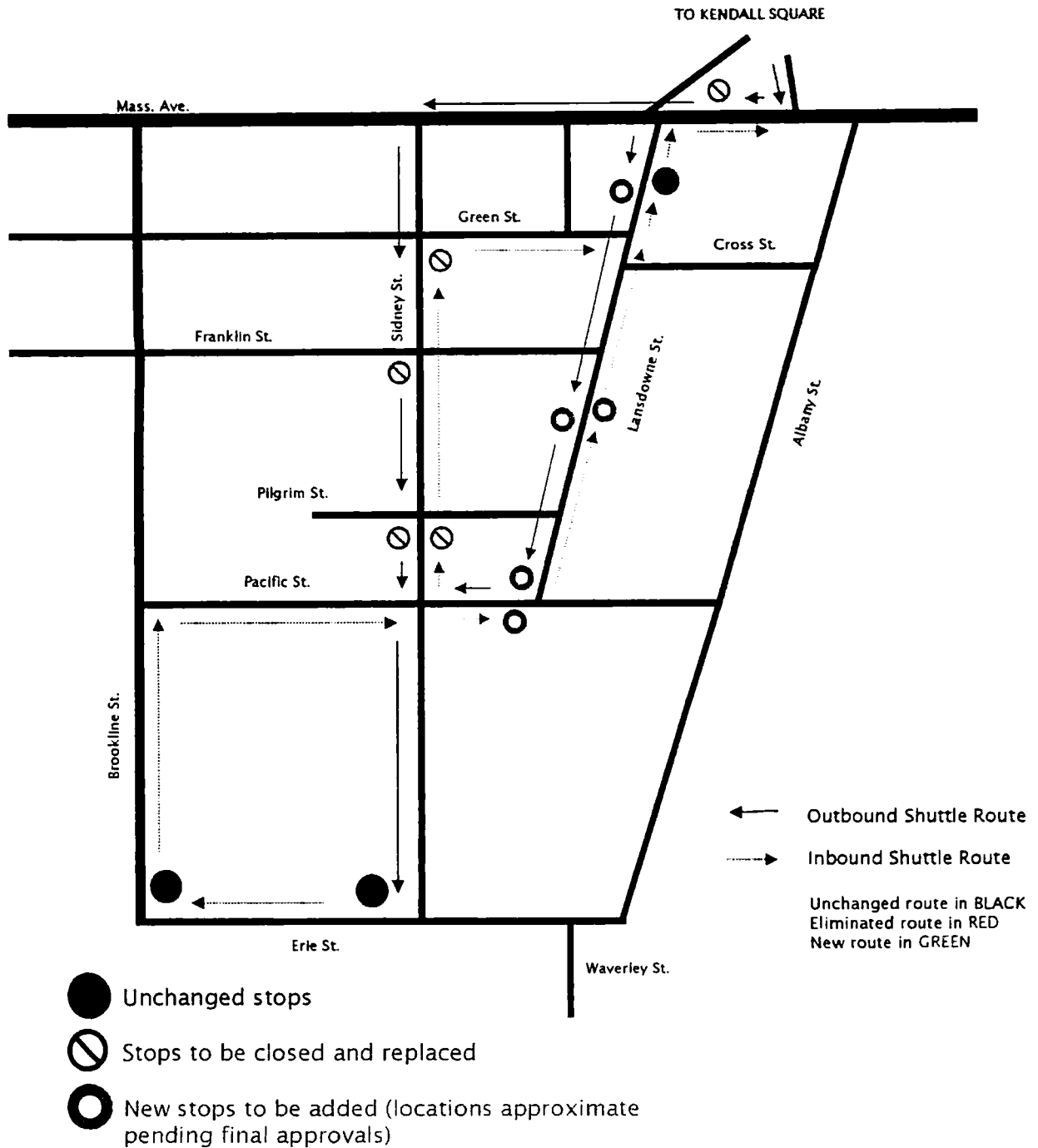
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cc Richard V. Scali, Chairman, Chief Gerald Reardon, Commissioner Robert C. Haas, Dep. Chief Daniel Turner, Robert W. Healy, City Manager, Margaret Drury, City Clerk, Maryellen Carvello, Executive Assistant, Taxi-Cab Sub-Committee Members



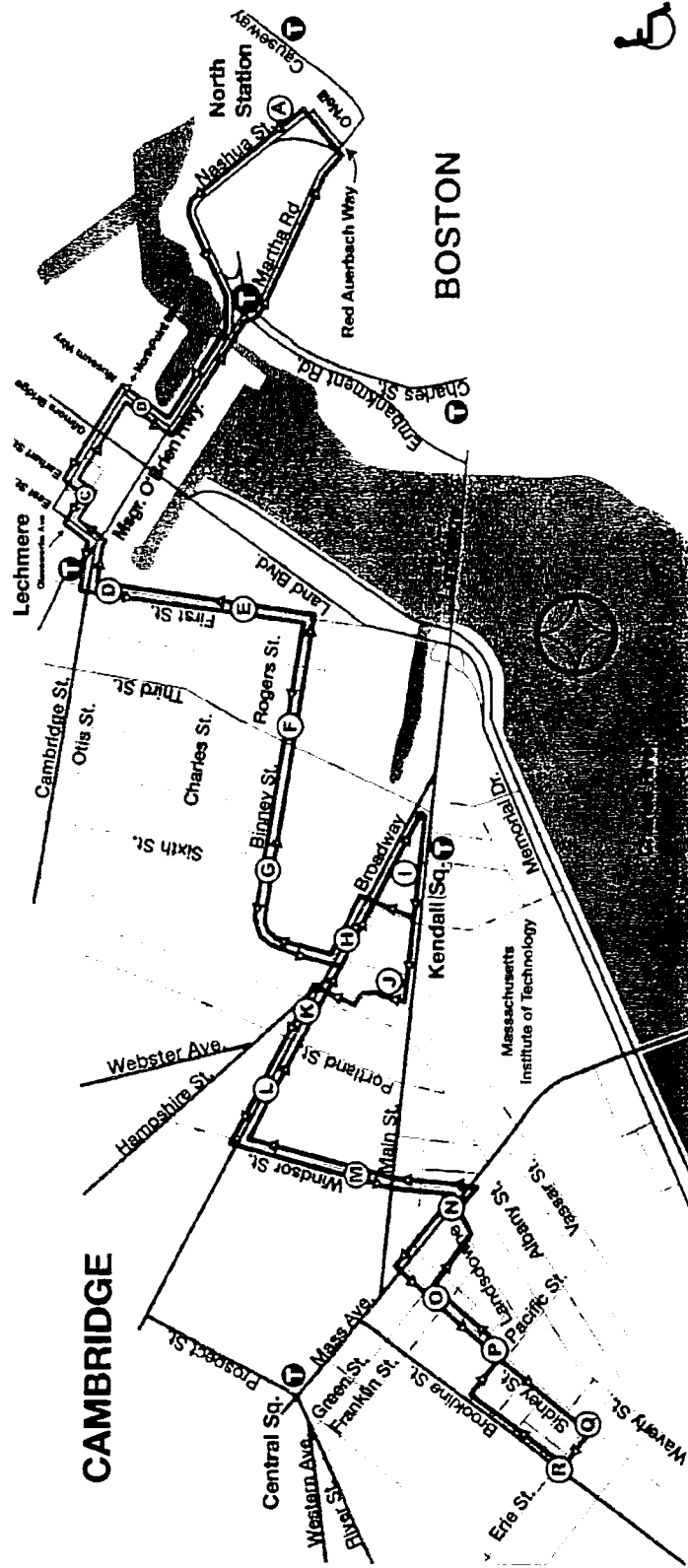
University Park Stop Relocation

Change of service from Sidney Street
to Landsdowne Street
Spring 2008



Current EZRide Shuttle Route—2008

Includes approved North Point change to be implemented pending construction completion.





M&L TRANSIT SYSTEMS INC.

"We take pride in our ride"

April 30, 2008

Mr. Richard Scali, Chairman
Cambridge License Commission
831 Massachusetts Ave, 1st Floor
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Scali:

I am writing today to amend a Jitney Permit to operate a shuttle service in Cambridge, under Chapter 159A of the Massachusetts General Laws. M&L Transit Systems Incorporated, with offices and garages located at 60 Olympia Avenue in Woburn, Massachusetts (Articles of Organization are attached), is proposing to amend the route for operation of the EZRide shuttle service, under contract to the Charles River Transportation Management Association (CRTMA). The CRTMA is a non-profit association of businesses that deals with transportation issues in Cambridge.

As shown on the attached route map and narrative, the proposed service route will continue to connect North Station in Boston with Kendall Square, University Park, and intermediate points in Cambridge. Funding for this service is provided by private businesses located in the corridor served by the EZRide shuttle service. M&L Transit Systems (MLTS) has operated the service since January 2002.

The proposed amendment will allow EZRide shuttle to provide better service to its members in the University Park area. By shifting service from Sidney Street to Landsdowne Street, CRTMA and MLTS expect to see a significant increase in passenger traffic from MIT dormitories on Pacific Street. By moving stops closer to the majority of MIT students in the area, CRTMA expects to enable its member, MIT, to avoid the need for additional vehicles on their Northwest Shuttle. Currently, the MIT Northwest Shuttle sees heavy crowding during the morning hours, while EZRide has significant excess capacity towards Kendall Square, as this is against its peak traffic flow. This change will result in fewer new buses operated in the University Park area.

MLTS operates this route using six (6) Blue Bird TranShuttle vehicles, each with a capacity of twenty-six (26) seated passengers, two (2) wheelchair positions, and wheelchair lifts. M&L provides a similar model vehicle for service in case one of the regular vehicles is out of service for any reason. The service operates for approximately eight (8) hours each weekday (except holidays), with service from 6:20-10:35 AM and 3:14-7:51 PM. A list of the current drivers is attached, as is the current route map and narrative (the route has been subject to minor modification from its original version to accommodate the needs of member businesses). The route narrative includes the changes approved in 2007, to accommodate service to the new North Point area in East

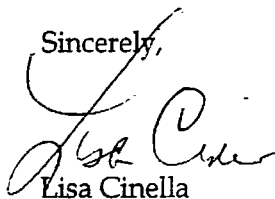
Cambridge; however, this service has not begun, pending the completion of construction on the affected roads. At such time as the North Point changes are implemented, the number of buses operated each shift will increase to seven (7). MLTS will provide the License Commission with future updates on any changes as they are necessary. MLTS currently holds a valid jitney license for the portion of the route that lies in the City of Boston; no changes are being made to this portion of the route.

The purpose of the EZRide shuttle is to provide an improved connection between the MBTA Commuter Rail service at North Station and employment centers in Cambridge. EZRide also provides improved connections for commuters and other travelers who live in the residential neighborhoods along the route (principally East Cambridge, Area IV, and Cambridgeport). The goal of this project is to encourage the use of public transportation as a means of improving air quality and reducing traffic congestion, while supporting the continued economic development and livability of the city. We do not expect EZRide to have any negative impact on existing MBTA services, both because we expect to attract new riders to Commuter Rail service, and because the MBTA Rapid Transit services along the EZRide route already have very high ridership. EZRide is also a precursor to the proposed MBTA Urban Ring service, which is strongly supported by Cambridge, Boston, and surrounding communities.

This route amendment has been approved by, and has the support of, Cambridge Traffic, Parking, and Transportation (TP&T). While the routing has been approved, CRTMA and MLTS are working with TP&T to determine the exact placement of stops on Pacific Street. CRTMA and MLTS agree to locate all new stops in accordance with TP&T's placement recommendation. A separate letter of approval from TP&T will be sent under separate cover during the week of May 5, 2008. TP&T has been supportive of the EZRide shuttle service and its routing since the inception of service.

If you have any questions or require more information regarding this application, or the service in general, please do not hesitate to contact me at (781) 938-8646. Thank you very much for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Cinella", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Lisa Cinella
General Manager
M&L Transit Systems Inc.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that M & L Transit Systems, Inc.. (EZ Ride Shuttle services) holder of a Jitney license in the City of Cambridge, has applied to amend their route to provide better service to its members in the University Park area.

Proposed route is as follows: Outbound from North Station: Starting from Leverett Circle in Boston, cross Museum of Science Bridge on Monsignor O'Brien Highway, *right on Museum Way, left on North Point Boulevard, left on Earhart Street, right on Glassworks Avenue, left on East Street, cross O'Brien highway and enter Cambridge Street*, left on First Street, right on Binney Street, continue on Galileo Galilei Way, left on Broadway, right into Main Street westbound turnaround at Cambridge Marriott Hotel, continue on Main Street westbound, right into Technology Square driveway, left on Braodway at Hampshire Street. left on Windsor Street. right on Massachusetts Avenue, **left on Landsdowne Street, right on Pacific Street**, left on Sidney Street, right on Erie Street, layover on Erie Street between Waverley and Sidney Streets.

Inbound to North Station: From above layover point, proceed west on Erie Street, right on Brookline Street, right on Pacific Street, **left on Landsdowne Street**, right on Massachusetts Avenue, left on Windsor Street, right on Broadway, right into Main Street westbound at Cambridge Marriott Hotel, right on Ames Street/Mid-Block Connector, left on Broadway, right on Galileo Galilei Way, Continue on Binney Street, left on First Street, right on Cambridge Street, *straight across Monsignor O'Brien Highway onto East Street, right on Glassworks Avenue, left on Earhart Street, right on North Point Boulevard, right on Museum Way, left on Monsignor O'Brien Highway*. cross Museum of Science Bride to Leverett Circle, Boston.

*Includes changes in italic that have been approved by the License Commission, but not yet implemented pending completion of North Point roadways.

Service will be added to the following streets which currently are not part of the route:

- Landsdowne Street between Green and Pacific Streets.
- Pacific Street between Landsdowne and Sidney Streets.

Service will be removed from the following streets where buses currently operate:

- Massachusetts Avenue between Landsdowne and Sidney Streets
- Green Street between Sidney and Landsdowne Streets
- Sidney Street between Massachusetts Avenue and Pacific Street.

The hearing on this application will be held on Tuesday evening, May 27, 2008 at six o'clock in the Michael J. Lombardi Municipal Building, 831 Massachusetts Avenue, Basement Conference Room, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Richard V. Scali
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MEMORANDUM

To: Elizabeth Lint, License Commission
From: Adam Shulman, TP&T
Date: April 25, 2008
Re: EZ Ride Jitney License

The Traffic, Parking and Transportation (TP&T) Department has reviewed a request for a routing change for the EZ Ride Shuttle. Attached is the EZ Ride Shuttle Routing with the revisions shown in bold. The new routing will enable the shuttle to better serve employees, residents, and MIT students in the University Park area of Cambridge.

Our Department supports the routing change and recommends approval by the License Commission. EZ Ride Shuttle is projected to accommodate additional growth in student passenger traffic from MIT dormitories along Pacific Street on their existing buses already operating through this area. This will forestall the immediate need for additional MIT shuttle buses in this area. Operation of EZ Ride Shuttle on the revised routing may commence when final shuttle stop locations are approved by Traffic, Parking and Transportation.

The EZ Ride Shuttle continues to provide an excellent transportation alternative for regional commuters and residents, helping to alleviate traffic congestion and air pollution in Cambridge. We strongly support the continued operation of this service.